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EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
EXAMINING GROUP 1636

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:

HONOLD et al.

Serial Number: 09/203,500

Group Art Unit: 1636

Filed: December 1, 1998

Examiner: W. Sandals

For: OPTIMIZATION OF CELLS FOR ENDOGENOUS GENE ACTIVATION

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231
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April 3, 2000

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 3, 2000, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

35. (Once Amended) A process for testing the influence of non-coding nucleic acid sequences from the region of a target gene present endogenously in a eukaryotic cell on its expression, the process comprising

(a) transfecting the cell with a vector comprising